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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 2132

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 4329.2191-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Akito NIWA et al.**

Application No.: 09/448,470

Filed: November 24, 1999

For: ENCRYPTION APPARATUS,  
CRYPTOGRAPHIC  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM,  
KEY RECOVERY SYSTEM, AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2004, the period for reply to which having been extended through August 3, 2004, by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the Amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 12.